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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PINT CB CH (KHIEU SAMPHAN)

SUBJECT: KHIEU SAMPHAN PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 069235

1. WE HAVE TALKED TO SEVERAL OF THE JOURNALISTS PRESENT AT KHIEU SAMPHAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE BONA FIDES OF THE GRUNK LEADER, BUT THEY ARE UNANIMOUS IN THE BELIEF THAT THE MAN THEY MET WAS GENUINE AND NOT A LOOK ALIKE. ALL HAVE DESCRIBED HIM AS BEING SLIGHT, INTENSE AND VERY TOUGH LOOKING. SIHANOUK FAWNED ON HIM DURING THE RECEPTION AT THE PRINCE'S RESIDENCE, BUT KHIEU SAMPHAN REMAINED FAIRLY ALOOF AND WAS GENERALLY IMPRESSIVE.

2. SIHANOUK DID INTERPRET FOR KHIEU SAMPHAN INTO BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH, BUT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHEN HE CHOSE TO RESPOND DIRECTLY KHIEU SAMPHAN SPOKE IN EXCELLENT FRENCH. THE ASSUMPTION OF THOSE PRESENT WAS  
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THAT HE SPOKE IN CAMBODIAN BECAUSE OF HIS STATUS AS A

GOVERNMENT LEADER.

3. WE HAVE ORDERED EIGHT-BY-TEN GLOSSY PRINTS OF THE  
NCNA PHOTO COVERAGE OF THE VISIT WHICH WILL BE READY  
NEXT WEEK. WE WILL FORWARD AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. PRESS  
INFORMS US ONLY TAPE RECORDING OF PRESS CONFERENCE WAS  
MADE BY AN OFFICIAL, EITHER CHINESE OR CAMBODIAN.  
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